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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

Before examination please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a1
A typical vacuum fluorescent display device comprises a transparent evacuated envelope containing a plurality of anodes arranged in a pattern of desired light emission, each anode being coated with a fluorescent layer for emitting light when excited, a heated filament serving as a source of electrons, and control grids located between the filament and the anodes for determining which anodes can be excited by the electrons. When the anodes and the control grids are at a high voltage and the filament is at a lower voltage the electrons can excite the phosphor layer on the anodes to cause light emission from the anodes.